Mr. K. Ayyappan.—We are extremely thankful to you, Sir.

Selection of candidates for training as Nurses.

140. **Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.**—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of candidates selected for training in nursing stating the names and qualifications of the selected candidates;

(a) how many of the selected candidates are lacking in the necessary qualifications;

(b) how many applications from duly qualified candidates have been rejected?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

1. P. A. Leena—S. S. L. C.
2. K. D. Rosa—Incomplete S. S. L. C.
3. Mary D'Silva—S. S. L. C.
4. Leena D'Souza—Fifth Form
5. Evelyn Surro—Fourth Form
6. Teresa Mal Clare—Fourth Form
7. A. Padmakshi—S. S. L. C.
8. M. Madhavi Amma—Incomplete S.L. L. C.
9. K. M. Ealikutty—S. S. L. C.

(a) Three.

(b) Eighteen.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan— May I know, Sir, who makes the selection?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— The selection is made by the Head of the Department.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Is it made on the recommendation of anybody?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the names of persons selected having less than the minimum qualification?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They are there in the answer itself.

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Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—What is the minimum qualification for selection?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— They should have gone up to School Final Examination.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What is the reason for selecting people with less qualification when there are 18 applications from duly qualified candidates?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— The applicants were all asked to interview and they were all classified according to age, general educational qualification, their physical condition, their general intelligence, their health and the native place from where they come. There is a good deal of difficulty with regard to this selection. The people from the Chittur Taluq complain that Chittur people are not taken in. There is also the difficulty of posting them. People coming from places other than in the Chittur Taluq object to going there, because they feel ill. All these points have been considered in making the selection. Then the caste-war-statement is taken into consideration. The Anglo-Indian Community first of all used to supply almost all the nurses in the Department. At present there are only three nurses and they are due to retire this year. Therefore I selected the three Anglo-Indian girls. Though they are not School Finals they have undergone their education in European Schools and have a better standard of English knowledge.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether Nos. 4, 5 and 6 hail from Chittur?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So in this particular instance the question of giving representation to Chittur was not considered?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—Out of the 18 applications rejected, how many were Anglo-Indians?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There were 5 Anglo-Indian girls who had applied.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty.—What was the special reason for rejecting their applications?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Out of the 5, four have been selected.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—The Chief Medical Officer said that the candidates are examined with regard to their strength, health, status, position, etc. Are all these done by one examiner or by various examiners?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—They are selected by the Chief Medical Officer.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I would like to know whether they got any application from Ezhuva ladies?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—We have selected one Ezhuva Lady.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—How many applicants were there?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was only one Ezhuva lady applicant and she was selected.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there any number of other unrepresented communities?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—There was one Warrassiar. I asked her to come but she came and went away.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I only wish to point out this. There is a preponderence of one community here. But I don't wish to point out that now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the reason why the Anglo-Indian applicant with less than the minimum qulification was preferred to an Anglo-Indian candidate having the necessary qualification?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The general intelligence was not good.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is the general intelligence decided by viva voce examination?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Not by conversation (Laughter).

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Of these 27 applicants, may I know how many belong to Caste Hindus?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Three.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—And one was selected?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.— Yes.

Assignment of accretion lands to Depressed Classes.

141. മിസ്റ്റർ വി. എസ്സ്. കൃഷ്ണൻ പോള്ളൻ.— താഴെ പറയുന്ന പോള്ളങ്ങൾക്ക് ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ഭയവായി മുട്ടി പാട്ടമോ.—

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